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27 October 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Reconnaissance of North Vietnam

Some descriptions of the potential agreement for peace in Indochina include a provision for termination of all reconnaissance flights in connection with stopping the bombing. Obviously, if the final agreement does include such a provision, it will severely limit the kinds of questions from the White House that we will be able to answer. Satellite photography will be the only source still available to us.

I realize that this may have been considered by those who are working on the agreement but I cannot be sure. Nor can I be sure that the limitations of satellite photography -- its infrequency and the delays involved in its return and processing -- were realized even if the general problem was addressed.

Unless you know that these factors were actually considered, I recommend that you raise them with those involved.

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cc: George Carver ✓

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 1 Nov 1972

TO: Mr. George W. Allen
Director, IAS

FROM: George A. Carver, Jr.

SUBJECT: Reconnaissance Problems

REMARKS:

Per our conversation, attached are two memoranda. The first is my note for the record summing up the current situation. The second is [] note to me which I handed physically to Dr. Kissinger during our 28 October conversation. Together, these will give you the dimensions of the problem. As we discussed over the phone, I urgently need any help you can provide in the shape of a defensible and defended statement of precisely what levels of reconnaissance and photography of various types will be necessary plus the obverse of this statement -- namely, what we will be unable to do if our photographic capabilities are curtailed either with respect to geography, permissible platforms or permissible frequencies.

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